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SUBJECT: EMPIRE ENGINEERING VS. SILCOX

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1. COMMERCE DISTRICT OFFICE IN NEW YORK HAS DISCUSSED SUBJECT DISPUTE WITH J. WOERNER, VICE PRESIDENT OF SILCOX , WHO IS FULLY FAMILIAR WITH CASE AND HAS RECOMMENDED TO EMPIRE THAT CLAIM SHOULD BE FILED BY THEM AGAINST SHIPPING COMPANY SINCE DAMAGE TO COOLERS WAS CLEARLY ATTRIBUTABLE TO UNITS ING DROPPED IN TRANSIT OR DURING UNLOADING.

2. SILCOX IN PAST EXPORTED 400/500 OR SAME COOLERS WITH NO COMPLAINTS. UNITS WERE MANUFACTURED BY ACME WHICH HAS GONE OUT OF BUSINESS WITH ASSETS AND PLANT SOLD TO BOHN MFG. NEW MANAGEMENT NEITHER CAPABLE OF, NOR INTERESTED IN PRODUCING REPLACEMENT PARTS NEEDED AND WOERNER KNOWS OF NO OTHER U.S. MANUFACTURER WHO CAN OR WILL SUPPLY.

3. USDOC AND DEPARTMENT SUGGEST EMPIRE AND HKG PURSUE INSURANCE RECOVERY EFFORT SINCE SILCOX POSITION IS FIRM AS DESCRIBED HEREIN. INGERSOLL

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